

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Please cancel Figures 5A and 6A presented in the Amendment dated May 16, 2005.

**REMARKS**

Applicants, by the amendments presented above, have made a concerted effort to present claims which more clearly define over the prior art of record, and thus to place this case in condition for allowance. Currently, claims 1-15 are pending.

Claims 1-15 were allowed, subject to "the elastic valve member" being shown in the drawings or the feature canceled in the claims. Applicants have accordingly canceled "the elastic valve member" from the claims. Applicants have amended the specification and canceled Figures 5A and 6A to overcome the 35 U.S.C. §132(a) objection. Entry is requested.

Claim 7 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Entry is requested.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submits that the claims of the application are allowable. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact one of the undersigned attorneys at (312) 704-1890.

Respectfully submitted,

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